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July is flying by already – just as the children were flying down the field in sports day!

We were so happy to see everyone who came to our Summer Fair and our Sports day. It feels like it has been a long time since we were able to do this (our last sports day with parents was in 2019) and it was just wonderful to have things back to 'normal' this year. We thought the children did an excellent job in all their races and the year 4s were able to run our summer fair brilliantly. A huge thank you to everyone who supported us and to the staff for all their hard work – going the extra mile for the benefit of the school.

We are delighted to let you know that we raised **around £700** at the summer fair. Thank you so much – that is a fantastic amount for two very small schools! This will help us keep our trips and visits free for parents amongst other things.

Lots of summer fair and sports day pictures are on our website under the news section [click here](#) or for the photo gallery tab [click here](#). Please have a look when you get a minute...



Problems solving and teamwork!

This week the children also worked in their houses to create an orienteering challenge for the other group. This was a chance to see how far the children have come in working together as a team, planning, mapping, creating a workable orienteering challenge and then solving someone else's puzzle.

The teams came up with quite different challenges. One was map based and the other had clues for each item as you went along with a map to help you if you got stuck. One team created a sentence so that you had to find each word and then put them together to re-create the sentence. Another team created a group of animals you had to find and then match to an original drawing.

We noticed that the children made decisions well as a team, with voting for each step in creating a challenge. They worked together well to find all the items and put them together for the solution. We were very impressed with their attitude and creativity this morning. Well done everyone!



Coming up next week....



Monday 11th July - We are going on a boat trip to the Farne Islands. Although there is bird flu on the islands, boat trips are still running and we have not planned on getting off the boat. We will be monitoring this over the weekend and will let you know early on Monday if we have to postpone. Children will need suitable outdoor clothing, sun hats, sun cream, waterproofs but usual uniform tops. They will need a packed lunch or a grab and go.

Thursday 14th July at 10.30am—Leavers service at St John's in Lowick. You are all welcome to join us.

Friday 15th July - Beach Cricket on Holy Island followed by 'cricket tea' for lunch - We will be on Holy Island for beach cricket with our sports coaches and outdoor art with Pippa. Children will need suitable outdoor active clothing (and suncream / waterproofs depending on the weather). Olive has kindly agreed to do a 'cricket tea' buffet style lunch. This will include the usual sandwiches as well as some lovely picnic nibbles. If you would like your child to take part in this just sign them up for a school dinner on that day otherwise please send your child with a packed lunch. **Year 4s this year will have their special VIP lunch at The Island Shack on Holy Island!**



100 Square competition

We are having a 100 square competition for the chance to win some exciting prizes!

1st prize—Northumberland zoo family pass

2nd Prize—Moments of beauty voucher

3rd Prize—A wine selection

To enter, send £1 per number into School in a named envelope and your child can pick the number.

Good Luck!



Mrs Waddington

As you may know, Mrs Waddington originally joined us on a fixed term contract to cover maternity leave in 2019 and we managed to hang onto her through Covid and for a second maternity leave and then to support the recovery curriculum this term. However, her contract with us runs out at the end of this year. She is moving on to a new job and opportunity teaching nursery and reception in Otterburn. We will be very sad to see her go and wish her all the very best for the future in her new role.



Year 1— The ear digraph Eg dear, hear, beard

Year 2— Apostrophes that mean 'belonging to' Eg Wolfie's tail was wagging

Year 3— The s sound spelt sc Eg science, crescent (These words are Latin in origin)

Year 4— A selection of commonly misspelled words